E-8 and E-139(b); are identical. This document is a two page letter, dated 2/25/63, addressed to Mr. R. G. Wood, Food and Drug Administration, 1521 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from Volney G. Mathison. This letter suggests individuals who could be contacted as possible witnesses.

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